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- 1968 Some ecological and taxonomic consideration of Death Valley Cyprinodonts. James Francis LaBounty (Ph.D., Arizona State University; Research Scientist, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, CO).
- 1969 Habitat preference, responses to environment and activity patterns of lizards at Saratoga Springs, Death Valley National Monument, California. Fenton R. Kay (Ph.d., New Mexico State

- University; Biological Consultant, Tucson, AZ)
- 1969 Aspects of the ecology of the Devil's Hole pupfish. Carol James (businesswoman, Las Vegas, NV).
- 1971 Life history studies of the Virgin River spinedace. William Rinne (Chief environmental officer, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Boulder City, NV).
- 1972 Age and growth observations on the largemouth bass, Micropterus salmoides (Lacepede) in Lake Mead. C.O. Minckley (USFWS, Parker, AZ).
- 1975 Ecological distribution of the fishes of the Virgin River (Utah, Arizona, Nevada). Jeffrey Cross (Ph.D., University of Washington; Research Scientist, Southern California Coastal Water Resources Project, Long Beach, CA).
- 1975 Seasonal and spatial variation in primary productivity in Boulder Basin, Lake Mead, Clark County, Nevada. Isamu Aoki (Environmental Scientist, EG&G).
- 1977 Benthic macroinvertebrates of lower Lake Mead. Susan SmSm Melancon (Ph.D. in progress, University of Nevada, Reno, NV).
- 1977 Responses of the woundfin, <u>Plagopterus argentissimus</u>, to natural saline waters. Jack Williams (Ph.D., 1081, Oregon State University; (Program Manager for Fisheries, USBCM, Washington, DC)
- 1977 Life history and thermal responses of <a href="mailto:empetrichthys latos">empetrichthys latos</a>, the Pahrump killifish. Douglas Selby (Ph.D., 1983, Utah State University; Engineer, Las Vegas Valley Water District, Las Vegas, NV).
- 1977 Zooplankton and metalimnetic oxygen depletion in Lake Mead. Tom Burke (Aquatic Biologist, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Boulder City, NV).
- 1978 Primary productivity in Lake Mojave. John Priscu (Ph.D., 1982, University of California, Davis; Professor, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT).
- 1978 Thermal relations of the Virgin River roundtail, <u>Gila robusta seminuda</u>. Paul Schumann (Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles; Environmental Scientist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Los Alamos, NM).
- 1982 Instream flow requirements of the fishes of the outflow of Ash Springs. Thomas B. Hardy (Ph.D., Utah State University; Assistant Professor, Utah State University, Logan, UT).

- 1983 Foods of largemouth bass in the Atchafalaya Basin. Linda Blakey (homemaker, Reno, NV).
- 1983 Foods of fishes in the Virgin River. Paul Greger (Biologist, UCLA, Nevada Test Site).
- 1985 Social behavior of the Devil's Hole pupfish. Thomas M. Baugh (Biologist, Endangered Species Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Jacksonville, FL).
- 1986 Community metabolism in the outflow of Ash Spring, Pahranagat Valley. Nadine R. Kanim (Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento, CA).
- 1997 Relationship of Water Level to Population Size of Devils Hole Pupfish (Cyprinodon diabolis). Matthew Andersen (Biologist, Dames and Moore, Las Vegas, NV).
- 1998 Distribution of Larval Devils Hole Pupfish, Cyprinodon diabolis Wales, in Relation to Dissolved Oxygen Concentration in Devil's Hole. Eric Gustafson (Biology teacher, Chapparel High School, Las Vegas, NV).
- 1998 Recreational Disturbance of a Desert Stream Fish Community: Detecting Ecological Effects of Environmental Impact. Johnny Mark Sappington

#### Awards and Recognitions:

- 1955-56 Who's Who in Biology, Undergraduate
- 1956 Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities
- 1960 NSF Summer Institute, Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences
- 1963-64 RISSECA Award for Outstanding Contributions to Human Relations in Science
- 1967 Certified as a fisheries scientist by the American Fisheries Society
- 1967 Selected as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science
- Wildlife Conservationist Award. Presented by the Nevada Wildlife Federation and the National Wildlife Federation for outstanding contribution to the wise use and management of the nation's natural resources.
- 1975 Elected Fellow, American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists

1979 Elected Fellow, Arizona-Nevada Academy of Science Special Internal Resolution of Commendation, American 1979 Fisheries Society (the first such recognition ever given by the AFS) 1982-83 Barrick Distinguished Scholar, UNLV Prof. R. R. Miller (University of Michigan), one of the 1984 nations most distinguished ichthyologists, described a new fish species from southern Nevada, naming it Rhinichthys deaconi. UNLV nominee for the Phi Kappa Phi National Scholar Award 1985 Distinguished Faculty Award, UNLV Alumni Association 1987 1987 Award of Excellence, California/Nevada Chapter American Fisheries Society 1988 Distinguished Professor, UNLV 1988 Certificate of Special Recognition, The Nature Conservancy Trustees Award from the Nevada State Department of 1990 Museums and History for contributions to the conservation of Nevada's natural resources. 1994 UNLV Commencement Speaker Certificate of Recognition, Las Vegas Indian Center 1995 Selected by Nevada chapter of The Nature Conservancy as 2001 their "Hero" as a part of the 50th anniversary celebration for The Nature Conservancy

## Invited Presentations of Professional Papers:

- Ecology of Saratoga Springs, Death Valley National Monument. Symposium on research in the national parks. AIBS Annual Meetings, College Park, MD.
- Endangered fishes of the Western United States. Western section of the American Fisheries Society, Reno, NV.
- Endangered fishes and fisheries management. Symposium on ichthyology and fisheries management. American Fisheries Society, Tucson, AZ.

- Marshes, mice and men on the Mojave Desert. National Assn. of Biology Teachers. Annual meeting of the western division. Las Vegas, NV.
- The endangered species view. Symposium of problems of exotic fishes and other aquatic organisms. Sponsored jointly by American Fisheries Society and American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. Washington, DC.
- Population dynamics of a warm spring fish population. Faculty of Population and Environmental Biology, University of California, Irvine.
- Where should science be taking society? National Science Teachers Assn., Silver Science Symposium.
- A preliminary ecosystem model of Saratoga Springs.
  Western Division AAAS Meeting, Berkeley, CA.
- Can biologists and natural resource managers communicate effectively? Discussion chairman, second AIBS interdisciplinary workshop, Laramie, WY.
- 1971 Rearing bait fishes in the desert southwest. Inland Commercial Fisheries Workshop, Laramie, WY.
- Devil's Hole pupfish. Desert Fishes Council Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.
- Devil's Hole: A case in point. American Fisheries Society National Meeting.
- The limnology of Lake Mead in relation to plans for pump storage. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation workshop on ecology of pumped storage reservoirs, Denver, CO.
- Research on endangered fishes in the national parks with special emphasis on the Devil's Hole pupfish. Plenary address, aquatic ecology section, first annual symposium on research in national parks, New Orleans, LA.
- 1978 Endangered fishes of North America. Fisheries administrators Section, American Fisheries Society, Huntington, WV. (May)
- 1978 Endangered fishes of western North American. BYU symposium on endangered plants and animals. (December)
- Long and short term changes in western North American fishes populations. Faculty/student seminar, Oregon State University. (April)

- 1979 Ecology and population biology of desert fishes. Annual Biology Symposium, University of California, Fullerton. (November)
- 1980 Endangered species and faith in our future. Natural resource days, Colorado State University. (April)
- Biogeographical relationships of Cyprinodontid fishes of southwestern U.S. Faculty/student seminar, University of Texas, Austin. (February)
- 1981 Endangered fishes...who cares? Faculty/student seminar, Midwestern University, Wichita Falls, TX. (February)
- 1981 Cyprinodontid biogeography in southwestern U.S. Faculty/student seminar, Sacramento State University. (October)
- 1986 Endangered southwestern fishes. Faculty/student seminar, Brigham Young University. (January)
- 1986 Status of the Devil's Hole pupfish. Cal State Long Beach Biology Colloquium I: Recovery of rare and endangered species. (February-March)
- 1991 Environment at Risk Green Choices. Nevada Public Health Assoc. Annual Meeting, Sept. 19, 1991. Holiday Hotel, Las Vegas.
- Pupfish, People and Posterity in Death Valley. 75th Anniversary Celebration of the National Park Service. October 12, 1991. Death Valley, Ca.

In addition, numerous presentations were made as contributed papers at annual meetings of scientific societies (1-4 per year from about 1966-1986)

## Other Professional Activities:

- 1. Wrote Nevada Fish and Game Commission Policy Number 16: Endemic Endangered Fishes, January 14, 1967.
- Lecturer, Summer Institute of Desert Biology, Arizona State University, 1968-70.
- 3. Chairman (1975-77) and founding member (1969-present) of the Desert Fishes Council, the primary conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of desert fishes and therefore responsible for much public and scientific input to government agencies relative to conservation efforts on endemic desert fishes.
- 4. Sabbatical leave 1970, 1983.
- 5. Assisted in planning and appeared with other scientists and

Jack Lemmon in, "Timetable for Disaster," an NBC documentary, one hour in length, 1970. (Emmy Award for outstanding documentary of the year.

Assisted in preparing "Death Valley, the Land and the Legend," 6. National Geographic, PBS TV, Spring, 1970.

Assisted in the Bill Burred Animal World ABC-TV program, 7. "Animals of Death Valley," 1971.

IPB Modeling Group for construction of a generalized model of 8. aquatic ecosystems in the desert, 1971-73.

9. President, Environmental Consultants, Inc., 1972-86; Chairman, Board of Directors, 1977-86.

Endangered species committee chairman. A committee of the 10. American Fisheries Society, 1972-79.

Liaison/representative for Ecological society of America to 11. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife for matters concerning endangered species, 1973-75.

- Obtained the first federal funding for establishment of a refuge for endemic fish. Refuge funded by Fish and Wildlife, constructed by Nevada Fish and Game at Hot Creek, White River Valley, Nevada, for White River springfish, Crenichthys baileyi.
- 13. Referee, American Society of Ichthyologists Herpetologists, American Fisheries Society and numerous other scientific periodicals.
- Provided the crucial testimony in the Devil's Hole pupfish case. Testimony was based on extended studies made by me and my students which provided information on factors controlling population size. This permitted the court to establish guidelines for management of water levels compatible with survival of the species. The Supreme Court decision that the fish had a prior right to enough water to insure their survival rested heavily on my testimony relative to the mechanisms of population control in this species. Efforts to explain the significance of this case and its meaning in the context of developing a "conservation" broader For example, in November, 1976, I appeared on continues. local television with a rancher, (Tim Hafen) from Pahrump Valley to discuss the implications of the Supreme Court decision. I was also invited to present the Plenary Address in Aquatic Biology at the First Annual Symposium on research in the national parks in New Orleans, November, 1976. address emphasized the significance of scientific knowledge to both administrative and judicial decision making. U.S. District Court hearing to set the final water level for Devil's Hole according to the guidelines established the U.S. Supreme Court was held in November, 1976. I was the expert witness at that time, also.
- Consultant to Time-Life Books for their volume on <u>Sagebrush</u> 15.
- Consultant to national Geographic Society for their volume on 16. Endangered Wildlife.
- Assisted Stanton Films with production of an educational

movie, "The Desert Pupfish."

- 18. Produced and wrote narrative for 35 mm colored slide presentations for Harper and Row Publishing Company on <u>The Galapagos Islands</u> and <u>Baja California</u>.
- 19. Workshop on understanding and obtaining federal grants, June, 1978.
- 20. Seminar on faculty evaluation and development, February, 1979.
- 21. Research administration training session offered by the National Council of University Research Administrators, November, 1979.
- 22. Chautauqua course, Life in the Oceans, University of Texas, 1980-81.
- 23. Sabbatical leave 1983.
- 24. Consultant to BBC for television series, "The Making of a Continent," 1983.
- 25. Consultant to BBC for television program "Resurrection at Truk lagoon," 1984.
- 26. Chautauqua course, Tropical Marine Ecology, University of Puerto Rico, April, 1985.
- 27. Taught summer short course offered through International College of the Cayman Islands, "Natural History of Coral Reefs," July, 1984, 1985.
- 28. Endangered species recovery teams organized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:
  - a. Warm Springs Pupfish Recovery Team, 1975-80
  - b. Woundfin Recovery Team, 1978- 1990
  - c. Devil's Hole Pupfish Recovery Team, 1978-82, 1991-present
  - d. Eastern Mojave Desert Endangered Fishes Recovery Team,
  - e. Virgin River Fishes Recovery Team, 1990-present
- 29. Wrote species workbooks, (literature review and current state of knowledge, 1985-86) for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service centralized data base knows as the Endangered Species Information System, covering the following species:
  - a. Moapa dace
  - b. Pahranagat speckled dace
  - c. Ash Meadows speckled dace
  - d. Pahrump poolfish
  - e. Devil's Hole pupfish
  - f. Ash Meadows pupfish
  - g. Warm Springs pupfish
- 30. Expert witness for State of Nevada in Yucca Mountain Water Rights Hearing, 1991.
- 31. Consultant to U. S. National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs for evaluation of probable impacts of the proposed Las Vegas Valley Water District projects to obtain water from the Virgin River and eastern and central Nevada. 1992-95.
- 32. Consultant to U. S. National Park Service for water rights litigation/negotiation for Zion National Park. 1993-1996.

#### Courses Taught

- 1. Humans and the Environment
- 2. Human Ecology
- 3. Ichthyology
- 4. Vertebrate Zoology
- 5. Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy
- 6. Biology of Man
- 7. Human Anatomy & Physiology
- 8. Comparative Vertebrate Embryology
- 9. Herpetology
- 10. General Physiology
- 11. Mammalogy
- 12. Aquatic Ecology
- 13. Advanced Ichthyology
- 14. Limnology
- 15. Fish Hatchery Management Techniques
- 16. Ecology of Fishes
- 17. Natural History of Baja California
- 18. Natural History of the Galapagos, Andes & Amazon
- 19 Principles of Modern Biology
- 20. Biology of Oceanic Islands
- 21. Fisheries Biology
- 22. Marine Biology
- 23. Natural History of Coral Reefs
- 24. Life in the Oceans
- 25. Seminar in Environmental Studies